Rail line between Dholpur and Gangapur city

†*618. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the survey for the new rail line from Dholpur to Gangapur city conducted and what is the estimated cost of this line;

(b) whether there is possibility of any special economic gain accruing to the Railways from this line; and

(c) by when this rail line would be sanctioned and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) A survey for gauge conversion of Dholpur-Sirmuttra narrow gauge line into broad gauge and its extension from Sirmuttra to Gangapur city by construction of a new broad gauge line was conducted in 1998. The survey report revealed that the cost of 144.60 kms. long line would be Rs. 170.34 crores with a negative rate of return. Due to unremunerative nature of the line and acute constraint of resources the project could not be considered.

(c) Does not arise.

Super Cyclone in Orissa

*619. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss of properties and human lives assessed so far, district-wise caused by Super Cyclone in Orissa in the recent past;

(b) whether such natural disaster was declared as national calamity;

(c) the details of funds collected from national sources, MPLADS and foreign sources, seperately;

(d) whether relief and rehabilitation assistance has been provided to affected families; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.